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Minutes 01/08/2014

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monthly Regular Meeting of Arlington Tree Committee

Wednesday, January 8th, 7:30 PM, Selectmen's Hearing Room, Town Hall

Attendees: Mary Ellen Aronow, Sally Naish, Eliza Burden, Elizabeth Pilcher, Ed Trembly, Susan Stamps

MINUTES

(Liz Pilcher)

1. Welcome

2. Approval of December Meeting Minutes
Minutes of December approved.

3. Town Master Plan - ATC submitted suggestions
MEA developed tree-related statements / phrases to be included in the Master Plan. She submitted them to the Master Planning committee.

4. Town Tree Warden - update
The Tree Warden position has not been advertised for reasons M. Rademacher explained to MEA. The committee decided to do some research in neighboring towns. EP will contact Belmont and Cambridge; SN will contact Medford; SS will contact Lexington to ask who the Tree Warden reports to; who reports to the TW; what department does the TW work in. If possible, they will inquire how they keep track of tree planting and maintenance activities.

5. Advocate monthly articles/posts
EP submitted a press release to the Advocate about the trees planted this Fall by the DPW. EP spoke to the editor, Eileen Kennedy, who said that the release will be published next week. The committee also discussed submitting articles to the Advocate periodically. EP will bring a copy of the release to the next meeting. EP learned of the bigtrees.org program in NH that asks people to submit champion trees for entry into the Big Trees database. We discussed having a favorite tree program for Arlington and developing an article that calls for people to submit a favorite tree and why it is meaningful to them. EP will talk to a neighbor about a tree in their back yard they have all grown up with. EP will also look at ArborDay.org, CaseyTrees, and other sites to research topics for a future article.

6. Web page reorganization - update
No update.

7. Off-berm public tree planting - update
SS made contact with Lexington re the off-berm policy. SS will make a report at the next meeting.

8. Other Business
Tree City USA application submitted. Application was submitted by the DPW.
MacEachern Estate gift to Arlington Tree Department. No update.
Interest/status of potential new ATC members. MEA will send a letter of invitation to the two individuals who remain interested in joining the ATC.
Grant writing for setting up a tree inventory. Deadline in May.
Adopt-a-Tree at Arlington Public Library. MEA learned of the Adopt-a-Tree program at the library. SN will look into how the ATC can get involved with the program.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 7:30 pm in Selectmen's Hearing Room